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APPLICANT : Pierre Belhumeur et al. EXAMINER : T. Bradrick  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent Application, please consider the following remarks. A Petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including August 21, 2005, is being filed concurrently.